



## CRU Task Force AGENDA

Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 6 PM

Members of the public may participate by telephone conference call via Teams.

**Dial 1-872-239-8359 and enter Conference ID 414 345 107#**

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**MISSION STATEMENT:** *We value our land, our families, our neighbors, our friends, and our diverse, rural community. Kent County's history, its location, and the land itself enrich our lives and our lifestyles every day. The CRU Task Force's mission is to preserve the best of Kent County, Maryland, including prime farmland, local culture, and its small businesses, while supporting opportunities for expanding into new economies, via innovative and thoughtful changes to the County's zoning regulations that simplify regulatory processes and add new uses.*

### I. **Welcome and Roll Call**

Al Nickerson	Buck Nickerson	Joe Hickman	Sam Shoge
Bill Norris	Chikki Shajwani	Kim Kohl	Tom Mason
Bill Sutton	Cindy Genter	Pat Langenfelder	Tyler Brown
Bryan Greenwood	Jim Saunders	Paul Ruge	

II. **Approval of the Summaries** for the Task Force Meetings on August 25, 2021, and September 8, 2021

III. **Purpose:** Fair and Open Discussion on Proposed Text Amendments

**Outcome:** Staff to summarize Task Force positions in Meeting Summary

**Ground Rules**

- A. Everyone is encouraged to share ideas openly and freely.
- B. There are no right or wrong inputs for discussion purposes.

**Norms**

- Participants speak ‘through the chair’. This means raising your hand if you want to speak, and waiting for the Chair to call on you.
- Don’t interrupt other people.
- Don’t talk/debate amongst yourselves.
- Respect other's views.
- Keep contributions short and to the point.
- Start and end on time.
- If online or on the phone: have your video ON and mute ON. Wait for the Chair to call your name before you unmute.

IV. **Old Business**

- A. Review of P17 (review weddings as special exceptions in AZD)
- B. Summary of the 2020 Census Data and Tools
- C. Review of S6 (removing the renewal requirements for sand and gravel pits)
- D. Review of S7 (review definition of structures, especially considering fences)
- E. Review of S8 (review definition of accessory structure and accessory use)
- F. Review of S12 (review of side and rear setbacks for accessory structures)
- G. Review of Initial Proposed Draft Task Force Recommendations
- H. Discussion of Next Steps for Public Forum, Sign Code, Re-formatted LUO, and Additional Submittals for Requests for Specific Text Changes from the Public – **to be continued from last meeting**

V. **New Business**

- A. Review of P6. Request to consider adjacent lots under same ownership in order to meet the minimum requirements related to rules for the keeping of backyard chickens (**alter provisions such as those under §16 on p. 16**)

*Public Comment*

- B. Review of P18. Request to allow backyard goats in the Village zoning district with similar provisions as backyard chickens

*Public Comment*

**Break – 10 minutes**

- C. Review of TF 4. Review allowing nonconforming [accessory] structures that were conforming when built to be granted a fully legal status as conforming vs. as legal, nonconforming

*Public Comment*

- D. Review of S5. Consider removing renewal language for telecommunications ([pp. 418-419, Article VII, § 7.35.m](#)).

*Public Comment*

- E. Review of Revised Proposed Draft Task Force Recommendations

*Public Comment*

VI. **Task Force Comments**

VII. **Adjournment**



*Please note a quorum of the Board of County Commissioners  
may be present at any meeting.*



## Special Announcement Regarding Meeting Attendance

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Members of the public who would like to **attend the meeting in-person** are encouraged to register in advance by contacting Bill Mackey at 410-778-7423, ext. 9 (voice/relay), or by email at [compzone@kentgov.org](mailto:compzone@kentgov.org). The location is in the County Commissioners' Hearing Room at 400 High Street in Chestertown, MD.

Members of the public who wish to **participate via video in the Teams meeting** also need to register in advance by texting their name, street address for the record, and email address to 410-708-4063. Although not required, members of the public who wish to participate in the Teams meeting are encouraged to download the free app for Microsoft Teams, in order to improve their experience of the presentation. Prior to the meeting, a link to join Teams will be emailed to those who registered.

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**To submit written comments in advance of the meeting**, please email your comments to [compzone@kentgov.org](mailto:compzone@kentgov.org) or mail your comments to:

Bill Mackey, AICP, Director, Department of Planning, Housing, and Zoning  
400 High Street, Suite 130; Chestertown, MD 21620

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Thank you for your participation!